

## ANDREWS MEMORIAL SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters.

I pray that you are well and each day you are being strengthened in your faith.

The current round of protocols under the Disaster Risk Management Act (DMRA) has been announced to run until June 3, 2021. Under the current measures, only thirty (30) persons are allowed at church. This number includes those inside the building (including the sanctuary and offices) as well as worshippers on the outside of the building.

We recognize that in these times, the need to connect with members of our Sabbath School Units and other worshippers is strong, but with the support team – deaconry, communications ministry, musicians and singers, and the main presenters – who all help to make our services possible and visible, those thirty spaces are easily utilized. It is with this in mind that we ask you, as members of our congregation, to continue to join in our services online. Essentially there is no in-person worship service in the sanctuary for the rest of the month of May.

Please permit me also to share with you two other items that are being planned to enhance our members' spiritual health:

- to assist our members who are unable to connect online, a special service will be held each Sabbath in the sanctuary starting on May 22 at 12:30 pm. This service will be a compact hour of the preaching of The Word and praise.
- Communion is scheduled for June 26, the last Sabbath of the month. This will take a virtual format where we ask members to pick up their bread and wine at the church, from Thursday, June 24 to Friday, June 25. We will all join in the service, online, on June 26 when, together, we share in this beautiful and sacred experience.

As noted, the current DRMA measures expire on June 3, 2021. We will continue to encourage you to keep safe and pray for each other. Pray for our mothers, teachers, nurses, and midwives who are all being celebrated in the month of May. Pray especially for our children for whom this period can be a challenging one.

As a family of God let us continue to support each other, be watchful, and be faithful as we await His soon return.

Yours in Christ,

Adrian Johnson Senior Pastor

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